

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Approval of Minutes

ITEM NO: 8A

PREPARED BY: Gloria Anzalone Shelton
Clerk of the Board

MEETING: February 24, 2004

ACTION DATE: February 24, 2004

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: Approval of minutes.

KEY POINTS:

Attached are the minutes to the February 10, 2004 School Board meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: NA

FUNDING SOURCE: NA

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: Bylaw 1-38.5

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2004, 7:30 P.M., AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: THOMAS VILLACRES, KAREN ZINK, ROBERT BELMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, PATRICIA HEALY, CHAIRMAN, DANA REINBOLDT, AND ROBERT HUNT, MEMBERS, JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT, AND GLORIA ANZALONE SHELTON, CLERK OF THE BOARD. MEMBER EDWARD SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence to remember and honor Alex Lynch and Nerissa Hackman.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION MADE BY MR. VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MS. ZINK THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. HUNT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Budget Hearing

Diane Wisener spoke to the School Board concerning the request of the North Stafford High School Band Boosters and Jim Stemple representing the Stafford County Building Level Administrators' Association.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Carl Mahnken addressed the School Board regarding student drivers.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD **Student Matters - Discipline Committee**

Earlier this evening, a committee of the Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee voted unanimously to:

- * Uphold and affirm the long-term suspension of Student "A" for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and also authorize the student to attend the middle school alternative education program. The suspension was due to using threatening language and gestures;
- * Agree upon parental request to continue until February 24 the hearing concerning Student "B"; and
- * Expel Student "C" and authorize the student to attend the middle school alternative education program. The expulsion was due to the distribution of a controlled substance;

Committee Reports

Mr. Villacres noted that the School Board met with members of the Parks and Recreation Commission prior to the School Board meeting to discuss topics of mutual interest.

Comments

Board members noted that Stafford County Public Schools will undergo a difficult budget process as they begin review of the FY2005 school budget. Mr. Villacres stated that the VSBA Regional Meeting will be held in Fairfax County on May 18 and reminded members of the VSBA Legislative Meeting in Richmond on February 19. Mr. Belman encouraged people to volunteer for the Breakfast Buddies program at Falmouth and Grafton Village Elementary Schools. Mr. Belman stated that the Health/Fitness Weight Room at Stafford High School is in need of expansion and requested that it be added to the CIP. Mr. Belman requested an investigation of the February 6 decision to open schools. Ms. Healy requested that the Calendar Committee reconsider the number of days built into the calendar and review the policy of requiring employees to report for work when school is closed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Comments

Dr. Murray noted that February 15-21 was Exceptional Children's Week whose theme is "No Limit to What I Can Achieve". Dr. Murray reminded members of the VSBA Legislative Conference in Richmond on February 19. Meetings have been arranged with Bill Howell and Mark Cole.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MRS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. HUNT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the January 13, 2004 Meeting
- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments
- C. Overnight Field Trip Request
- D. Approval of Purchase School Computer Replacement

Dr. Murray noted the retirement of Nelda Purchell, Assistant Principal at Stafford Middle School.

ACTION ITEMS

VSPA Spring Bond Sale Application

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. VILLACRES THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE VPSA SPRING BOND SALE AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. REINOLDT, AND MR. HUNT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members

MOTION MADE BY MR. VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE VSBA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. REINOLDT, AND MR. HUNT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 1-38 and Bylaw 1-38.2

The School Board reviewed proposed amendments to Bylaw 1-38 and Bylaw 1-38.2. A second reading will take place at the next meeting.

Proposed Revision to Policy 7-12

The School Board reviewed proposed revisions to Policy 7-12. Action will be requested at the next meeting.

(Susan Depp asked and received permission to address the School Board concerning support of the Gifted Education program in the proposed budget).

CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Mr. Villacres

Second: Mr. Belman

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 6B and 6C:

To discuss possible land acquisition, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (3); and to discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (1).

Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Villacres, Ms. Zink, Mr. Belman, Ms. Healy, Ms. Reinboldt, and Mr. Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board reconvened into open session. No action was taken.

Certification of Closed Meeting

Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Motion: Mr. Hunt

Second: Ms. Villacres

Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Villacres, Ms. Zink, Mr. Belman, Ms. Healy, Ms. Reinboldt, and Mr. Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.